

WHEREAS, Agriculture, one of our oldest and largest industries, has been the basis on which the prosperity of this Great State has been built; and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture in the State of South Dakota is the most important industry, contributing over \$1.5 billion to our economy and one-third of our State's gross product; and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture employs 60,000 people, or twenty per cent of the South Dakota work force, and a majority of South Dakota workers depend on agriculture for their jobs; and,

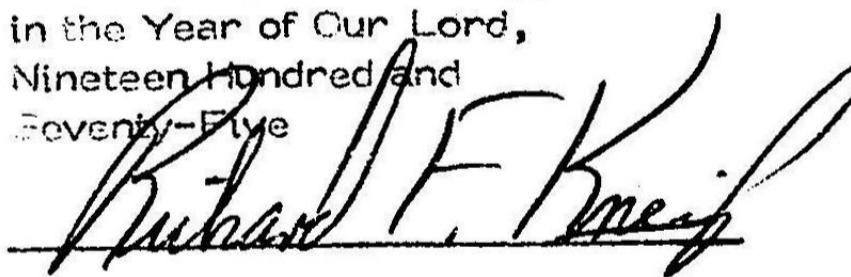
WHEREAS, It is due and fitting for this State to take time during its annual pursuits to pause and give recognition to the many accomplishments and contributions of agriculture on a specific day during the year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare the 24th day of March, 1975, as

AGRICULTURE DAY

In South Dakota, a day during which we can reflect on the importance of agriculture and our gratitude for the bountiful blessings it has brought the people of our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 12th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HIRSCHETH, SECRETARY OF STATE